GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:35
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2008
PREPARATION FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES
Dhanaraju Dr. K.;Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the preparations for the Commonwealth Games 2010 are not going as per schedule;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a high level review meeting on the preparations for the commonwealth games was convened recently;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a)to(e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.35 FOR ANSWER ON 27.2.08 REGARDING PREPARATION FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES ASKED BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI AND DR. K. DHANARAJU.

(a) No, Sir. Projects exclusively related to the Commonwealth Games, 2010, are proceeding on schedule.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Meetings at high levels, including the Group of Ministers, Lt. Governor, GNCTD, Cabinet Secretariat etc. are regularly held to review preparations for the Commonwealth Games. Action Taken Reports on decisions taken in such meetings are reviewed during the course of the next meeting to ensure that required actions have been taken by the agencies concerned. Most recently, the Prime Minister`s Office took stock of the progress made and advised all concerned to expedite matters.

(e) Government are conscious of the need to ensure proper planning and timely preparation for the Commonwealth Games, 2010 and to this end a number of institutional arrangements have been made. These include a Core Group of Ministers (GoM) under the co-Chairmanship of the Minister for Human Resource Development and the Home Minister for coordinating the various works related to the conduct of the Games; an Apex Committee headed by the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports to oversee preparations; an Organizing Committee (OC) headed by the President, Indian Olympic Association for the conduct of the Games; and a Committee of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary which is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the decisions of the GoM and taking decisions on other related matters. In addition to these arrangements at the Central level, there is a sub-committee under the Chief Minister of Delhi to take decisions in respect of all matters pertaining to infrastructure and other preparations for the Games within the jurisdiction of the Government of NCT of Delhi.The Lt. Governor Delhi has been entrusted with the overall responsibility for matters coming under DDA and with specific reference to security, law and order. An Empowered Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GNCTD, with representatives from all the agencies/authorities concerned to facilitate speedy clearances in respect of Games-related projects. Another Committee has been set up under Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development to facilitate clearances pertaining to the Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC). Keeping in view the need for developing adequate tourist accommodation in readiness for the large expected influx of visitors for the Commonwealth Games, an inter-Ministerial Task Force has been set up under the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) for monitoring and coordinating further action in this regard by all the agencies concerned. A Committee for expediting Central Government clearances in respect of hotels coming up in Uttar Pradesh has also been set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Locations for the various competitions/training venues and the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC)/Main Press Centre (MPC) have been agreed among the stakeholders. All stakeholders have indicated specific time-lines with reference to key milestones, viz., finalization of detailed designs and estimates, commencement of the tendering process, award of the work, commencement of the work, completion of the work; and handing over to OC. The work on all the major sports venue infrastructure projects has commenced and the venues are scheduled to be handed over to the OC by the end of 2009.The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has also set up a web-based monitoring system to monitor and review projects related to the Commonwealth Games.

To improve the performance of the Indian contingent in the Commonwealth Games, 2010, extensive discussions have been held with all stakeholders and a programme for providing training, foreign exposure, scientific backup, equipment etc. at an estimated cost of Rs.802.00 crore has been drawn up for the elite sportspersons who will represent India in the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

Government have approved project proposals of the Sports Authority of India for an amount of Rs.1000 crores (Â± 10%) for the upgradation/creation of sports venue infrastructure; upgradation of the tennis venue by the All India Tennis Association at a cost of Rs.30 crores (Â± 15%); and an expenditure budget for the Organizing Committee on a revenue neutral basis of Rs.767 crores (Â± 15%) for the `Conduct of the Games`. The Expenditure Finance Committee have considered the proposal of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for about Rs.765.00 crores for the International Zone etc. in the Games village (which is being developed in the Public Private Partnership Mode) and sports infrastructure at the Village/other venues belonging to DDA. The Expenditure Finance Committee have also considered the proposal amounting to Rs.257.41 crores of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for upgradation/creation of competition/training venues of CWG 2010 at the Delhi University, Jamia Millia Islamia University and Delhi Public School, RK Puram, New Delhi

The Planning Commission have approved the proposal of the Government of the NCT of Delhi for an amount of Rs.770.00 crores. Planning Commission have also approved an amount of Rs.210.00 crores to the Government of Maharashtra for sports infrastructure for the Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 to be held in Pune, which is a sub-event of the main Commonwealth Games 2010.